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## BUTT BUSTIN!!!!!!!!!!

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.K. so last week I thanked everybody and their mother for all the stuff they've done this year for the faculty and the LSA and blah blah. That's something I wanted to do, and I needed to do, because lots of people" busted their butts" this past year to make student and faculty activities happen, and happen well. They deserved to be recognized for all that" butt bustin" since many in this Faculty take their "butt bustin" for granted and then complain about it when some minute detail isn't to their liking. This complaining is of course done post-facto, long after these complainers could have gotten involved in the "butt bustin" but instead just sat on their butts and bitched. Here's my message: In the name of BUTT BUSTERS everywhere, if you wanna BITCH, get out and "BUST YOUR BUTT".

So now you're thinkin: What F#\*# in right does his guy have telling me to go out and bust my butt? Well, I'm not doing it for myself but for the place. Agree with me or not, I think that the greatest ressource at McGill Law is our students. We have people from all over the country, from all sorts of backgrounds, with tonnes of interesting ideas. The potential for a dynamic and positive contribution from these people is endless. However, the sad fact is that our unique "people ressource" is terribly underused.

This University and this Faculty are at a turning point in many ways. The University is underfunded and in a difficult financial situation, inevitably they will be looking to pull out of services they provide and download them to students. I know this for a fact since I have participated in the negotiations for a new Letter of Agreement between the LSA and McGill, where topics such as charging us rent for the use

of student space, and deducted university "service charges" from our student fees have been discussed. In order to preserve our present level of service and to fight these cuts, students will have to step up to the plate or watch services fall.

The Faculty is also at a crossroads. It is no secret that out of province applications are way down, we are going through a curriculum reform process, and the job market is as tough as usual. If students can step up and show the province, the university, and specifically potential applicants that we are an active and dynamic place where students get involved and work constructively, this can do nothing but good for our funding, our reputation, and our potential to continue attracting fine students from throughout the country.

Finally, if people get involved, participate, offer suggestions, or even just support, I think we will make this an even more enjoyable place to be on a daily basis. After 4 years, I deeply care about this place. I've met made lifelong friends, I've been pushed and motivated by the work, and above all I've really enjoyed participating, contributing, and working in an institution I'm proud of. I'm outta here on April something (if I pass the exams), but I just want to say this:

If you care about this place in any way at all, I urge you to become a part of another new generation of BUTT BUSTERS! Because the more you BUST YOUR BUTT the less people there will be to sit on their BUTT and BITCH. And if that happens this place can only be BETTER.

ment préférentiel accordé au président du LSA, mais bien la rectification d'un oubli, résultat de l'effervescence qui s'est emparée de l'équipe du *Quid* lors de la parution du dernier numéro. Toutes nos excuses Steve Kelly.

## I'll bust your butt boy!



